

Remarks

I. Introduction

Claims 1-15 have been allowed. By this amendment, claims new claims 16-18 are added. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

II. New Claims 16-18

Applicant appreciates receipt of the notice of allowance based on the Examiner's amendments authorized during the December 21 and 22, 2004 telephone conferences with Examiner El-Hady. As stated by Applicant's representative during those telephone conferences, Applicant wishes to add new claims 16-18 which are original claims 2, 7 and 12 rewritten in independent form respectively. The Examiner indicated during the aforementioned telephone conferences that these claims contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the addition of these new claims creates no additional burden on the Examiner nor requires any additional search. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

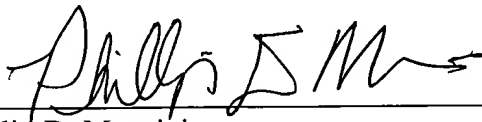
IV. Conclusion

Applicant submits that this application remains in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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